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Applicant : Preikschat, Patricia
Filed : July 13, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1775
Examiner : ROBERT R. KOEHLER
Title : CHROMIUM(VI) - FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT
Docket No. : 31716US1
Customer No. : 000116

Commissioner for Patents
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Amendment "C"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated June 4, 2003 (Paper No. 16). The three month period for responding to the Office action was set to expire on September 4, 2003. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended for 3 month(s), through December 4, 2003. The \$475 extension of time fee is enclosed. Also included with this filing is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and corresponding fee in the amount of \$180.00 along with a Terminal Disclaimer and corresponding fee in the amount of \$55.00. By this amendment, fourteen (14) total new claims, including one (1) new additional independent claim, have been added and the corresponding fee in the amount of \$169.00 is enclosed. A check in the total amount of \$879.00 is enclosed to cover the above-identified fees.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.